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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN REACTIONS TO US/ASEAN MEETING

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SUMMARY. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF MALAYSIAN  
DEL CONFIRM POSITIVE REACTION REPORTED IN REFTELS. MOST  
IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT FROM MALAYSIAN POINT OF VIEW WAS,  
INDEED, WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS A SHIFT IN US POLICY TOWARD  
A MORE POSITIVE STANCE REGARDING THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS.  
THERE WAS MILD UNHAPPINESS WITH POLITICAL, "ALMOST  
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COLD WAR" TONE OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SINGAPOREAN AND  
PHILIPPINE DELS. THERE WERE DIFFERING OPINIONS ON THE  
TIMING, LEVEL AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT MEETING.  
EMBASSY BELIEVES THE GOM WILL BE MEASURING US  
SUPPORT FOR ASEAN AND THE SUCCESS OF THE WASINGTON  
MEETING ON THE WAY WE FOLLOW UP OUR  
STATEMENTS ON THE COMMON FUND. END SUMMARY.

1. OUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF MALAYSIA  
ASEAN DELEGATION REVEAL CONTINUED SENSE OF CAUTIOUS  
SATISFACTION DESCRIBED IN REFTELS. DELEGATION WAS  
PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH LEVEL OF THE US DEL  
AND THE GREAT AMOUNT OF ATTENTION ASEAN DELS RECEIVED.  
ONE MEMBER, WHO HAD ALSO ATTENDED MANILA MEETING, SAID  
HE FELT THE WASHINGTON MEETING WAS MUCH MORE SUCCESSFUL,  
"BETTER PREPARED, BETTER ORGANIZED, MORE PARTICIPATION,  
AND MUCH WIDER EXCHANGE."

2. AS PREDICTED IN REF A, ALL OF OUR CONTACTS SEEM TO  
BE MOST IMPRESSED BY WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE A NEW  
AND MORE POSITIVE US POLICY WITH RESPECT TO A COMMON FUND.  
THEY COMPARE THE WORDING OF THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT  
AND REMARKS BY SECRETARY VANCE AND OTHER HIGH USG  
OFFICIALS WITH NON-COMMITTAL EARLIER US STATEMENTS, AND  
NOTE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN TONE AND SUBSTANCE.

3. ONE SOURCE TOLD US THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE  
UNHAPPINESS WITHIN THE MALAYSIAN DEL WITH THE POLITICAL,  
ALMOST "COLD WAR" TONE OF THE STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN  
MINISTER'S RAJARATNAM AND ROMULO. THE GOM BELIEVES VERY  
STRONGLY PUBLIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE US AND ASEAN  
MUST BE KEPT WITHIN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE. WE HAVE  
BEEN TOLD THAT THE MALAYSIANS AND INDONESIANS  
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PRIVATELY REMONSTRATED WITH THE OTHERS DURING THE MEETING  
AND OBTAINED AN AGREEMENT TO SOFTEN THE POLITICAL  
ASPECT OF THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

4. IN CONTRAST TO THE SENTIMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER  
RITHAUDEEN, REPORTED IN REF B, FAVORING ANOTHER MEETING AT  
THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL NEXT YEAR, KASSIM HUSSEIN, MFA  
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ASEAN, EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE  
CAUTION. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE TIMING, LOCATION  
AND LEVEL OF THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD NOT BE  
DECIDED UNTIL "THERE IS SOMETHING FURTHER TO TALK  
ABOUT." HE SAID THE GOM WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE  
FOLLOW-UP TO THE WASHINGTON MEETING, ESPECIALLY ON THE  
COMMON FUND.

5. COMMENT: SO FAR, IT APPEARS THAT THE US-ASEAN  
MEETING HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE GOM EXPECTED.  
WHILE THE MALAYSIANS WELCOME THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS, THE MOORE VISIT, AND THE ROBINSON  
MISSION THE ADDITION OF THE PERCEIVED MOVEMENT BY THE USG  
ON THE COMMON FUND ISSUE IS CLEARLY THE SIGNIFICANT RESULT  
OF THE TALKS FOR THE GOM. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY WILL

BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO OUR ACTIONS ON THIS ISSUE  
OVE THE BALANCE OF THIS YEAR AND, PERHAPS BASING THEIR  
ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEXT MEETING ON HOW WELL THEY BELIEVE  
WE HAVE "PERFORMED"ON IT.  
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